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tunnelling under Kuala Lumpur

A SECTION of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line will be built beneath the most densely-built and busiest part of Kuala Lumpur. Building a tunnel beneath such an environment is challenging enough by itself. However, the job of building a tunnel under Malaysia's capital city is made more complicated by the fact that there are two geological formations to deal with, one of which, the Kuala Lumpur Limestone Formation, is easily one of the most difficult soil formations to tunnel through. Find out how these challenges are being overcome. (see story on page 2)



READY FOR ACTION • The first tunnel boring machine for the Klang Valley MRT project, seen here with the Malaysian delegation and Herrenknecht AG officials in Germany, is ready to be delivered to Malaysia.

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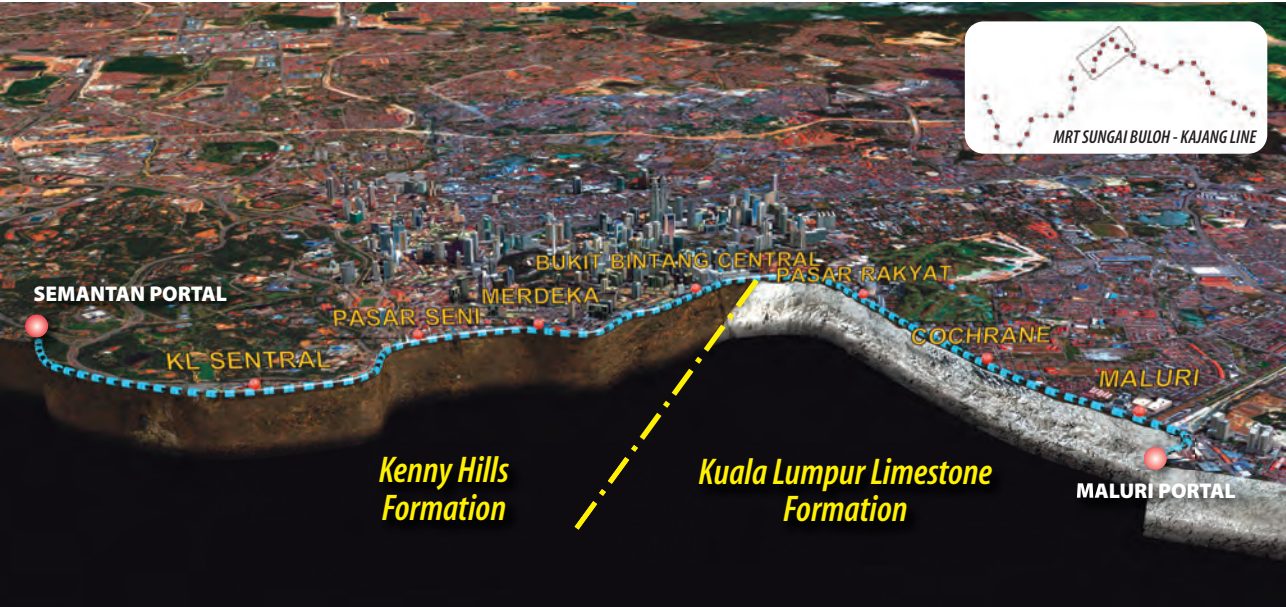
tell & win

10 TUNNEL BORING MACHINES FOR MRT PROJECT

A MAJOR section of the 51km MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line will run through the busy central business district of Kuala Lumpur. Building the MRT in this densely built-up area will be extremely challenging but very necessary because Kuala Lumpur's city centre is where most people head to in the morning for work, and thus, is the area which the MRT is most needed.

As space is extremely limited in the city centre, the designers of the MRT line do not have much choice but to make the line go underground. Building tunnels and underground structures will not only minimize the need to take land and demolish buildings but also minimize the disruption caused to traffic and other activities during and after construction.

A total distance of 9.5km of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line - between the Semantan Portal at Jalan Duta and the Maluri Portal in Cheras - will run underground. There will be seven underground stations along this stretch, namely KL Sentral, Pasar Seni, Merdeka, Bukit Bintang Sentral, Pasar Rakyat, Cochrane and Maluri.



CHALLENGING • Graphics show the different geological formation under Kuala Lumpur which tunnel boring machines have to excavate through for the MRT tunnel.



TRANSFORMATION • Aerial view of the Semantan Portal where the MRT alignment goes underground. The yellow circles show where the tunnels will be excavated.

The tunnels for the MRT will be built using tunnel boring machines (TBMs). These are machines which will excavate the tunnel deep beneath the surface of the earth without disrupting activities which are going on above on the surface. A total of 10 TBMs will be used.

Tunnelling beneath Kuala Lumpur however is not going to be a straight forward job. According to Mr Marcus Karakashian, Project Director at Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp), building a tunnel beneath Kuala Lumpur is very challenging because of the two different types of geological formations beneath the city.

"Four TBMs will be tunnelling through what is known as the Kenny Hills Formation, which is made up of sedimentary rock and sand whilst six TBMs will tunnel through the Kuala Lumpur Limestone Formation.

"This second geological formation poses a lot of challenges as it consists of hard rock with soft overlaying material which can have a drop in formation of many metres. There can also be large underground void chambers and cavities filled with water or slurry. These can cause a lot of problems when we carry out tunnelling activities if not identified and treated," Mr Karakashian said.

Mr Karakashian said the transition zone between these two types of soil formations is in

the Bukit Bintang area near the Pavilion Shopping Complex. The Kenny Hills Formation lies to the west of this area while the Kuala Lumpur Limestone Formation lies to the east.

The different geological formations mean that MRT Corp's underground contractor, MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd (MMC-Gamuda), will have to use the correct type of TBM for the different types of formation.

For the Kenny Hills Formation, Earth Pressure Balance (EPB) machines are used. The EPB machine provides support to the tunnel face which prevents the soft ground from collapsing, causing surface settlement during the tunnelling process.

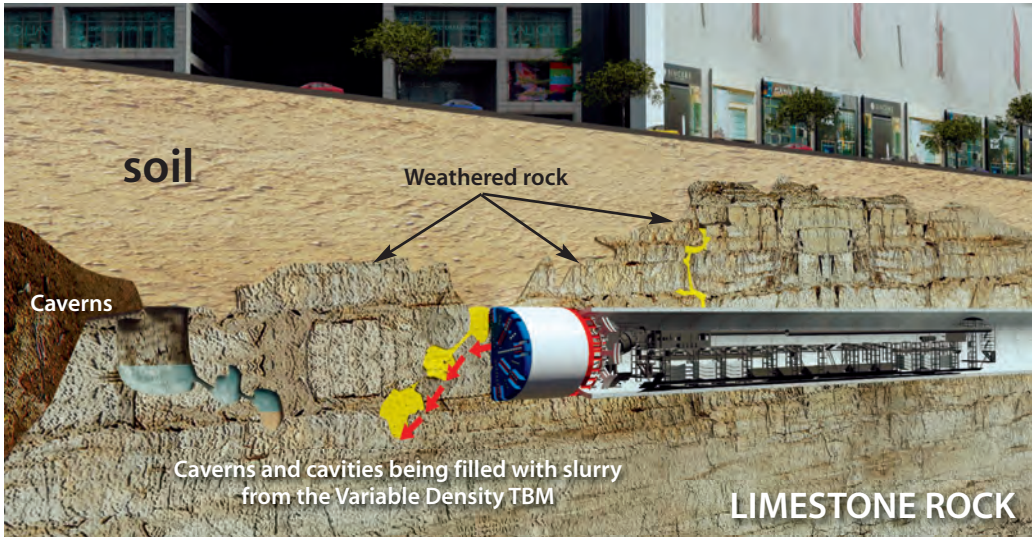
For the Kuala Lumpur Limestone Formation, the new Variable Density (VD) machines are going to be used. The VD machines are newly designed by MMC-Gamuda and leading TBM manufacturer, Herrenknecht AG of Germany. They are in fact a more sophisticated version of the Slurry Shield TBM which have been used to tunnel through Karstic formations when the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) project was built. The VD machine allows the density and viscosity of the slurry to be changed to prevent slurry loss which causes settlement. The first TBM, manufactured by Herrenknecht will arrive in Malaysia early 2013.

Mr Karakashian said vigorous soil tests and investigations also have to be carried out ahead of tunnelling to check for voids and cavities underground. "We have to ensure wherever possible that voids and cavities along the path of the TBM are identified and grouted up before it is tunnelled through. Otherwise, sinkholes can form as soil collapses into such voids and cavities," he said.

Mr Karakashian said MMC-Gamuda has the experience in carrying out tunnelling in such

conditions following the success of the SMART project. To ensure absolutely that nothing untoward will happen during tunnelling, Mr Karakashian said MRT Corp engineers will be monitoring the roads and buildings above where the tunnelling work is being undertaken.

"People will not even be aware that there is so much activity going on underneath the city. The only time they will know that the tunnels have been built is when they ride through them in an MRT train," he said.



HIGH TECHNOLOGY • An artist impression of how the Variable Density Tunnel Boring Machine will tunnel beneath Kuala Lumpur.



from the desk of the CEO
DATO' AZHAR ABDUL HAMID

Project in full swing

SINCE the inaugural edition of MRT News, many exciting developments have taken place for the MRT project. In that edition, construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line was very much in the preliminary stage. There was not very much that the public could see on the ground.

What a whole lot of difference a few months can make. I am extremely happy to say that construction work is now in full swing. Those of you who use roads along the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang alignment - whether it is Jalan Sungai Buloh-Batu Tiga, the Sprint Highway, Jalan Damansara, Jalan Bukit Bintang, Jalan Cheras or the Grand Saga Highway - will have noticed that sites are being cleared, hoardings and New Jersey barriers being put up, and machinery being deployed. Work has indeed started and is proceeding at a very good pace at various locations along the alignment.

Construction can now move full steam ahead because we have successfully tendered most of the major construction work packages for the project. Starting with the award of the first two viaduct packages V5 and V6 in January 2012,

I am proud to say that the last viaduct package, the V8 package, was awarded in September of the same year. Furthermore, all nine stations packages for the construction of the 31 stations along the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line have been awarded.

In other words, in just nine months, all civil works packages for the entire length of the MRT alignment, including the underground section and all stations, have been tendered out, evaluated, and awarded to the most deserving party, paving the way for work to proceed.

Of course, progress was not only made in the construction side of the project. We have also awarded 10 out of 11 system packages, the most exciting being that for our electric trains, which went to a consortium consisting of Siemens AG of Germany, Siemens (M) Sdn Bhd and SMH Rail Sdn Bhd. Other systems contracts which were awarded were for signaling and train control systems, depot equipment and maintenance vehicles, and power supply and distribution.

As we move full swing with construction of the MRT, it will be unavoidable for certain groups of people, such as road users and people living near to our worksites, to experience some inconvenience. Such inconvenience can be minimized if there is enough warning and information beforehand going out to those who will be affected.

In view of this, we want to reach out to as many people as possible with important information. We will be conducting engagement sessions with house owners and residents living near construction worksites before construction activities commence.

During these sessions, our officers will explain exactly what kind of work is going to take place. Residents can take the opportunity to raise issues and point us to particular concerns which we shall try to address.

For road users, we will make announcements on road diversions, temporary closures or any changes to the normal road conditions as early as possible. In fact, we had announced to the media alternative routes which road users can take to avoid. Keep a look out for these announcements in the media, visit our website www.mymrt.com.my or call our MRT Hotline on 1800-82-6868 to check for announcements.

As in the last edition of MRT News, I again seek your patience and understanding for the next few years while we build up this modern train system for you. The difficulties you have to go through now is for better mobility in the future, which I am certain you will look forward to.

Thank you.

Azhar



UPDATED • Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid (right) together with MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd director Dato' Azmi Mat Nor addressing the media during the launch of the MRT Mobile Information Truck.

DANAINFRA ISSUES SUKUK FOR MRT PROJECT

by Nik Haizan Nik Zambri

WHOLLY owned subsidiary of the Ministry of Finance, Danainfra Nasional Berhad signed a RM8 billion agreement for the financing of the MRT project on 3 July 2012.

The signing ceremony for the Government Guaranteed Sukuk Financing Programme took place at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur and was witnessed by Minister of Finance II Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah. A briefing to banks and investors was also held.

Also present at the ceremony was the Chairman of Danainfra, Dato' Sri Dr Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah and Danainfra's Principal Officer, Encik Fazlur Rahman Ebrahim.

Danainfra is a special funding vehicle set up by the Government to source finances for infrastructure development in this country. The MRT project is the first such project which will be funded by Danainfra.

Four banks were appointed to be the Joint Lead Arrangers. The banks are AmInvestment Bank Bhd, CIMB Investment Bank Bhd, Maybank Investment Bank Bhd and RHB Investment Bank Bhd. A further five banks were appointed as the Joint Lead Managers of the Financing Programme namely Affin Investment Bank Berhad, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad, HSBC Bank Berhad and Standard Chartered Bank Berhad.

CIMB Investment Bank Berhad is the Principal Adviser and CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad is the Syariah Adviser for the Financing Programme. Prokhas Sdn Bhd acts as the financial adviser to Danainfra.

Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni said in his speech: "A massive project like the MRT system can only be successfully undertaken and completed if all the necessary elements exist. They are namely a great deal of time, a concerted effort and expertise and most importantly a viable financing structure that will financially support the development of the MRT project."

The first issuance later in the same month was in the form of Islamic Medium Term Notes with a size of up to RM2.4 billion. Danainfra reported that total orders received amounted to RM12.915 billion, which represented a bid-to-cover ratio of 5.38 times.



SEALED • Principal Officer of Danainfra Nasional Berhad Encik Fazlur Rahman Ebrahim (third from left) shakes the hand of Deputy President and Head, Global Wholesale Banking for the Maybank Group Encik Abdul Farid Alias while (from left to right) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Aminvestment Bank Mr Kok Tuck Cheong, Chief Executive Officer of CIMB Investment Dato' Charon Wardini Mokhzani, Minister of Finance II Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah, Secretary-General of the Treasury Dato' Sri Dr Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah and Group Managing Director of RHB Bank Berhad Mr Kellee Kam Chee Khiong.

project updates

THE pictures on this page give a snapshot of the construction work taking place throughout the entire 51km of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line. Construction is proceeding at a good pace at all eight elevated work packages and the underground works package of the alignment. Major contracts for systems such as for electric trains, signaling, trackwork, power supply and maintenance equipment have also been awarded. The first phase of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line from Sungai Buloh station to Semantan station is targeted to begin operations at the end of 2016. Phase two of the line, from Semantan station to Kajang station, is targeted to become operational by July 2017, allowing trains to run the entire alignment from Sungai Buloh to Kajang.



VAST WORKSITE
Part of the former Rubber Research Institute land in Sungai Buloh being cleared for the main MRT depot.



CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDING
Spun pile installation in progress near the future Kota Damansara MRT station.



SCENIC
Aerial view of construction work going on along the strip of land between the Civil Service Golf Club and the Sprint Highway.



TEDIOUS
Two workers hard at work constructing a caisson pile which is dug manually.



TRANSFORMATION
Aerial view of the Semantan Portal where the MRT alignment moves from being elevated to underground.



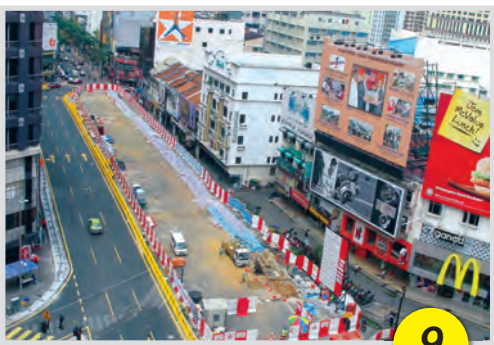
STRENGTHENING STRUCTURES
Steel reinforcement bars being lowered into a trench for the construction of KL Sentral station's diaphragm wall.



FUTURE STATION
The former Klang Bus Station and Plaza Warisan, together with the nearby Bangunan UO site, will be the location of the future Pasar Seni MRT station. This station will be fully integrated with the existing Pasar Seni LRT station.



EFFICIENT DIGGER
A hydrofracture grab digging a 30m trench for the construction of diaphragm walls at Merdeka station.



DIVERSION
Jalan Bukit Bintang is diverted to the front of Bukit Bintang Plaza and Yayasan Selangor to enable construction work for the Bukit Bintang Sentral underground MRT station.



FUTURE LINK
Aerial view of the Pasar Rakyat MRT station construction work in the middle of the future Tun Razak Exchange.



DEEP EXCAVATION
The tunnel boring machine launch shaft being prepared at Cochrane where four tunnel boring machines will be launched.



BUSY WORKSITE
The worksite for the Maluri underground station is situated along the busy Jalan Cheras.



FULL SWING
Bore piling works being carried out near Sri Sabah Flats in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.



GOOD PROGRESS
Pile testing using Kentledge (foreground) and pier construction at Taman Midah, Cheras.



ALMOST COMPLETE
The first piers of the project close to completion.



STARTING WORK
Bore piling in progress near Simpang Balak, Kajang.

THE MRT GOES TO SCHOOL

by Alita Suraya Mohd Senawi

THE Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) team went back to school in October, not so much to brush up on their calculus but to introduce the MRT project to students. The visits were part of MRT Corp's programme to create awareness among students who will be the future users of public transport.

The programme kicked off with visits to two Kuala Lumpur schools located along the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang alignment.

A two-day event beginning 16 October 2012 was held at SJK (C) Jalan Davidson involving more than 900 students from Year 4 to Year 6. The school, which is at Jalan Hang Jebat in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, is located directly opposite the future Merdeka MRT station.

The event started with the students being divided into groups. MRT Corp's Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations (SCPR), Encik Amir Mahmood Razak then introduced the project and its benefits to each group of students.

After that, a treasure hunt-themed game called "The Amazing MRT Race" was held where the students had to fill in a crossword puzzle with information obtained from the MRT Mobile Information Truck which was parked nearby. Teams which finished the puzzle correctly first won prizes. All students who took part in the event were also given goodie bags.

SJK(C) Jalan Davidson Assistant Principal Madam Lim Bee Hoon thanked MRT Corp for organizing the event for the students.

Two weeks earlier on 2 October 2012, the team organized a session to introduce the MRT project to the students of SMK Victoria in Kuala Lumpur. The school is also located near the future Merdeka station. Around 500 students from Forms 1,2 and 4 as well as teachers took part in the session which took place in the school hall.

Encik Amir, SCPR's Puan Iza Sofia Kasbi, and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd engineer Mr Gavin Wong gave talks on various aspects of the project. The students were also shown videos of the alignment and on how the MRT tunnel was going to be constructed beneath the heart of Kuala Lumpur.

The students were then invited to visit the MRT Mobile Information Truck which was parked outside the school hall. Inside the truck, they had fun trying out the touch-screen "Hawkeye" which gives a 360 degree aerial view of the entire MRT alignment.

At the conclusion of the event, Encik Amir presented a memento to SMK Victoria Assistant Principal, Puan Zarina Abdul Rahman.

Besides going to schools, MRT Corp also organizes visits for students to MRT Information Centres. Students are given a talk and shown videos of the project.

Groups from various institutes of higher learning have also visited MRT Information Centres.

GOODWILL CONTRIBUTION BRINGS JOY TO EX-SQUATTERS

THERE were smiles on the faces of the former residents of the Kampung Landasan squatter settlement during an event where they received goodwill contributions from Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp).

The contribution was to help lessen the burden of the squatters who had to move from their former homes in Kampung Landasan in Cheras as the area had to make way for the MRT project.

The majority of the former squatters had been given units by Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur at the Kg Muhibbah Public Housing Scheme, where the event was held. Some had moved into their own houses or to other public housing schemes but they were also entitled to receive the contribution.

During the event which was held on 14 August 2012, cheques were present by Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Ministry Under-Secretary of Policy Plannning, Tuan Haji Azizi Ahmad Termizi and MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations, Encik Amir Mahmood Razak. Also present at the event was Mr Chew Yin Keen, Chairman of the MCA Bukit Jalil Resort Branch. Mr Chew has been assisting the squatters in their relocation to new houses. After all cheques were presented, those present then broke their fast at a majlis buka puasa.

The former squatters had received keys to units in Kampung Muhibbah as well as other public housing schemes in stages beginning March 2012.

Kampung Landasan had to be cleared for the MRT project because the location was going to be used for the Maluri Portal, where the MRT tracks, travelling from north to south, changes from being underground to become an elevated line.

OWNERS RECEIVE EX-GRATIA PAYMENT

IT was the day the property owners of Kampung Sungai Raya and Taman Sri Raya who had to give up their houses for the MRT project have been waiting for. The day, 13 September 2012, marked the end of a process which had started towards the end of last year when the landowners were notified that their land were going to be acquired by the Government.

On that day, 28 landowners of Kampung Sungai Raya and Taman Sri Raya in Cheras received ex-gratia payments for the land and homes which they had to give up. The payments were in addition to the compensation they received for the compulsory acquisition of their land under the Land Acquisition Act 1960 in May 2012.

The 28 lots of land, comprising 14 lots each in Kampung Sungai Raya and Taman Sri Raya, had to be compulsorily acquired as their lots were needed for the elevated MRT tracks to be built.

For many of the owners, the cheques triggered a mixed bag of emotions. On one hand, they were relieved that the whole land acquisition process was now completed, and were glad to have received some cash. However, the residents could not help but feel some sadness. "These houses were our homes for many years. We are certainly sad that we have to move out," said Encik Mohd Nuar Bin Zakaria. The Taman Sri Raya house owner is also spokesperson for the other affected house owners of Taman Sri Raya.

Nevertheless, most house owners understood why they had to sacrifice their homes for the MRT project. The ex-gratia payment, he added, has helped lessen the pain.

"We understand that we are sacrificing for the benefit of society. I hope everyone, especially those who will use the MRT, will not forget this sacrifice of ours," he said.



1 HAVING FUN • Students of SJK (C) Jalan Davidson working on the "The Amazing MRT Race" crossword puzzle.

2 LISTENING INTENTLY • Students of SJK (C) Jalan Davidson listening to MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations, Encik Amir Mahmood Razak.

3 ALL SMILES • SMK Victoria students with their goodie bags outside the MRT Information Truck.



COURTESY CHEQUE • Tuan Haji Azizi Ahmad Termizi (left) handling the goodwill contribution cheque to Madam Lee Yoke Moy, a former resident of Kampung Landasan. (Below) Earlier in March, Madam Lee received the keys to her unit in the Kampung Muhibbah Public Housing Scheme from Kuala Lumpur Mayor, Dato Ahmad Phesal Talib who was then Secretary-General, Ministry of Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing.



1 RECEIVED • Encik Mohd Hezri Othman (right) accepting the ex-gratia payment on behalf of his mother, Taman Sri Raya property owner Puan Fatimah Wan Othman, from MRT Corp's Stakeholder Relations and Land Department manager Encik Azhar Abdul Aziz.

2 HAPPY • Tuan Haji Mohamed Nuar Zakaria, holding the ex-gratia payment. With him are his wife Puan Rokiah Che Mat and granddaughter Qaisarah An Nur Mohd Latiff.

MIT SPREADS AWARENESS ABOUT THE MRT

by Natalya Evon Matthew

THE MRT Information Truck (MIT) was created by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) so that information on the MRT project can be brought to people rather than them needing to seek out MRT Corp when they needed information.

The MIT, together with the five MRT Information Centres and two MRT Information Kiosks, are touch-points that MRT Corp has set up to provide information about the MRT project and to receive input from members of the public.

The MIT has been on the road since 19 June 2012 and has to date reached more than 7,000 people. The truck features display boards with details of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, the first line of the MRT project, including a giant map of the 51km alignment and its stations on the side of the truck. The interior cleverly replicates the inside of an MRT train, complete with seats and hand railings with grab handle straps.

The most popular feature is the interactive 360 degree 'Hawk-Eye' which gives visitors a bird's eye view of the Sungai Buloh- Kajang MRT alignment.

Using this feature, visitors can zoom in to the exact location of the alignment and stations on an aerial view photo of the entire alignment.

The MIT also has information officers who are available to answer questions and give explanations. Brochures and other written material about the project are also available. Three laptops which are also connected to the Internet are also available for people to check the MRT website.

The MIT is deployed daily except for Mondays to locations where people congregate, such as morning markets, pasar malam, places of worship, shopping centres, offices, media organisations, universities and colleges as well as schools.

Members of the public can get information on the whereabouts of the MIT from the website at www.mymrt.com.my.



HAVING A GOOD LOOK • A mother and son looking at the map on the MRT Information Truck.

BREAKING FAST WITH PPR LAKSAMANA RESIDENTS

by Nik Haizan Nik Zambri

DURING the holy month of Ramadan, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd (MMC-Gamuda) organised a buka puasa gathering with the residents of the Laksamana Public Housing Project (PPR Laksamana) at Jalan Peel, Kuala Lumpur.

The event was held to enable MRT Corp, the owner of the MRT project, and MMC-Gamuda, the contractor undertaking the underground works of the MRT project, to engage with the residents of the public housing project which is located near the Cochrane MRT station. MRT Corp Director of Stakeholder Relations and Land Encik Haris Fadzilah Hassan also presented donations to the needy on behalf of MRT Corp.

During buka puasa, the residents took the opportunity to ask the project team many questions. The relaxed atmosphere encouraged the residents to be more open about their concerns.

The input from the residents proved invaluable to the MRT project team as this will allow them to take all necessary steps to ensure that the residents do not suffer any inconvenience from construction work.

After buka puasa, people gathered at the surau to perform the Maghrib prayers together.

At the event was the MRT Information Truck (MIT) which is a truck that has been converted into a mobile information centre for the MRT project. The MIT Information Officers distributed newsletters and brochures to residents to generate more awareness about the MRT project.

Most of the residents were pleased that the Cochrane MRT Station will be within walking distance from their homes. They however raised concerns such as whether construction works will pose any danger to them.

The event is part of a series of engagement sessions under a programme drawn up by MRT Corp to meet with residents and business owners who are living or operating near the MRT alignment before construction works begin. This is to ensure that people who are most likely to feel the impact of the construction of the project are well informed of what will be happening and what are the inconveniences they may experience. The sessions also allow residents to ask questions and raise any concerns they have about the project.

HAPPENINGS

Engaging with the men in blue



A DELEGATION from the Selangor Police Contingent led by State Deputy Police Chief SAC Dato' A. Thaiveegan visited the Taman Tun Dr Ismail MRT Information Centre on 7 September 2012. They were briefed on the MRT project by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) Chief Executive Officer Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd General Manager Encik Mohammad Amjad Faruq Mohammad Haniff. Also present were MMC-Gamuda director Dato' Azmi Mat Nor and members of the MRT Corp and MMC-Gamuda management.

UiTM Perak students visit MRT Info Centre



FORTY students of the High Achievers' Club of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Perak's Quantity Surveying Programme got an opportunity to learn firsthand about the MRT project during a visit to the Taman Tun Dr Ismail MRT Information Centre on 6th September 2012. The students were given an introduction of the project and also an insight into construction methods, project and value management.

MRT'S Rat Racers



MASS Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) was proud to send its first team to this year's 13th Kuala Lumpur Rat Race organized by Bursa Malaysia and The Edge on 25 September 2012. Peoter Lapinski, Ahmad Safuan Ahmad Radzi, Sahrulniza Amri, Zairul Azri Uda Noor and Ahmad Zhafran Zulkifli took time off from their busy schedules, donned hard hats and safety vests, and hit the road for the 4.3km race. The MRT Corp team came in 37th position out of 50 teams. Peoter Lapinski was the fastest man in the team, completing the run in 24 minutes 22 seconds.

Balik kampung-themed Hari Raya Open House



MASS Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) held its first Hari Raya Aidil Fitri Open House at the Bukit Damansara Community Centre, Kuala Lumpur, on 6 September 2012. Members of the management and staff were dressed in their best of traditional costumes, befitting the balik kampung theme of the event. Guests and staff were treated to delicious Hari Raya fare such as rendang, satay, lemong, roast lamb and others.



AFTER A WHOLE DAY OF FASTING • Residents queuing up for buka puasa.



INSIDE THE MIT
Information officer Muhammad Ridhwan showing residents of the Laksamana Public Housing Scheme facts about the MRT.



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
(from left to right) Imam Osman Haji Ahmad, Encik Ismail Kassim, Encik Harris Fadzilah Hassan and Encik Abdul Halim Ramli waiting to break their fast.

TELL & WIN!!!

by Nik Haizan Nik Zambri

YOU may have heard a lot about why we should have an MRT. But now, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) would like to hear what you have to say.

To provide the platform for this to happen, MRT Corp has launched a unique campaign, called the “I need MRT because ...” campaign which lets the public say why they need the MRT, instead of the usual practice of the owner giving the reasons why a particular project was needed.

What more, the campaign, which was launched on 23 September 2012, gives the opportunity for participants to win a RM10,000 grand prize as well as three monthly prizes worth RM5,000 each.

Two people have already become winners – Tyqa Aziz and Azmil Mohamad – who won in October and November respectively.

It was a simple contest. Members of the public gave reasons why they needed the MRT and captured this reason with a picture.

These pictures were then submitted for voting by the public at the “I need MRT because ...” microsite at www.mrtmyride.com.my. The pictures could be funny, serious, wacky or zany. It could be anything. As you could imagine, some reasons why the MRT was needed would be common among many, for instance parking hassles, traffic jam or to get to their destinations on time. So, it was the picture that would make the entry stand out.

The submission that got the most votes would win the cash prizes. There were three rounds to this contest. From September to December, there were monthly winners for each month and the grand prize winner would be announced in January 2013.

As with Tyqa’s and Azmil’s entries, the winning entries would then be made into advertisements for the MRT project.

Check the “I need MRT because...” microsite at www.mrtmyride.com.my for more details.



FIRST WINNER • Tyqa Aziz, the first winner of the “I need MRT because ...” contest holding her entry.

TIPS

Remember, you can submit more than one entry.

By Date

By Vote

By Views

By Tag

By Winners

Total Entries (4900)

LIM CHUAN SENG

2:36 PM

I need MRT because... I providing mobility to lower-income travelers.

#5646

30 Nov 2012

VOTE (1)

dkeyla

2:18 PM

I need MRT because... Is a rapid-transit system faster than road traffic down every corridor and save time in busy town

#5647

30 Nov 2012

VOTE (0)

megat

2:05 PM

I need MRT because... MUDAH ke mana2 sahaja destinasi anda RELAKS tanpa perlu terkajar2 ke sana sini TEPAT pada masanya

#5648

30 Nov 2012

VOTE (0)

mandy

2:04 PM

I need MRT because... we need the public transports in the city due to the treatment of population.

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30 Nov 2012

VOTE (2)

Kopio

1:54 PM

I need MRT because... melancarkan perjalanan

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30 Nov 2012

VOTE (0)

TalkFAST

1:53 PM

I need MRT because... ia menyenangkan kami

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30 Nov 2012

VOTE (0)

Namjaz

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I need MRT because... x perlu berebut makanan

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I need MRT because... boleh makan dorian dgn tenang

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ON THE WAY TO WIN • Participants submit entries into the “I need MRT because ...” contest microsite where members of the public will then vote for the best entry.

Inspired by:

Tyqa Aziz, Hulu Langat

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- Winner, September - October 2012

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Azmil Mohamad, Seri Kembangan

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“It's like my second “car”, but I don't pay for petrol or toll, and I don't cause jams or pollution.”

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WINNING ENTRIES • Here are the entries of winners Tyqa Aziz and Azmil Mohamad which are then turned into advertisements to promote the MRT project.

We welcome your enquiries and suggestions. Kindly email to feedback@mymrt.com.my

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